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SUBJECT: SYRIAN SECURITY SERVICES ON TRAIL OF IRAQI SYMPATHIZERS

SUSPECTED OF CARRYING OUT ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF FONMIN

KHADDAM

1. DURING DEC. 7 CALL ON MFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR SHOUFI BY VISITING DEPPOLAD MCCORD, SHOUFI RELATED THAT AS OF PREVIOUS EVENING SYRIAN SECURITY PERSONNEL WERE TRYING TO LOCATE GROUP OF (APPARENTLY SYRIAN) BAATHISTS SYMPATHETIC TO IRAQ WHO SUSPECTED OF EXECUTING FOUR OR FIVE RECENT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST SYRIAN LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING ATTEMPT AGAINST FONMIN KHADDAM. SHOUFI HAD HEARD RUMOR (ALSO REPORTED TO US BY ANOTHER SOURCE) THAT INTERIOR MIN ADNAN DABBAGH WAS TARGET OF UNSUCCESSFUL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT COUPLE DAYS AGO, BUT SHOUFI CLAIMED HE UNABLE TO VERIFY RUMOR. SHOUFI SAID SECURITY NOW HAD LIST OF NAMES OF THOSE THOUGHT INVOLVED. HE IMPLIED THAT IT ONLY MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY ROUNDED UP. HE ADDED THAT, CONTRARY TO INITIAL ASSUMPTIONS, SECURITY NO LONGER BELIEVED PALESTINIANS RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS.

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2. COMMENT: SHOUFFI'S REMARKS SUGGEST THAT SARG SECURITY  
HAS OBTAINED SOME SUBSTANTIAL LEADS TOWARD IDENTIFYING  
PERPETRATORS OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS.  
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